REMARKS

Docket No.: 4590-509

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 is merited as it places this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 14 and 17 remain pending in the application. Claims 15, 19-27, 29-31 and 33 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16, 18, 28 and 32 have been cancelled as being incorporated into claim 14.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claim 32 has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. In response, claims 16, 18, 28 and 32 have been incorporated into claim 14.

Claims 14, 16-18 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moree [US 6,921,988]. In response, allowable claim 32 along with claims 16, 18 and 28 have been incorporated into claim 14.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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